



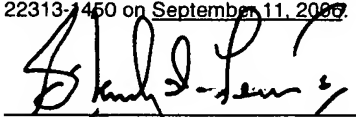
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Paul Slovick  
Serial No. : 10/642,966 Examiner : Tri M. Mai  
Filed : August 18, 2003 Art Unit : 3727  
For : SPARE TIRE CARRIER

September 11, 2006

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include new drawing sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.